GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA

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NON-PAYMENT OF WAGE/SALARY
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers and employees of Kolkata Dock Labour Board have not been paid their salaries/wages for the last three months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the statutory deductions from their wages/salaries are not being properly credited;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether pension is not being paid to retired workmen; and

(f) if so, the remedial step being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a)&(b) Due to acute financial crisis, the Kolkata Dock Labour Board has not been able to pay salary and wages to its employees and workers by due date. There has been a time lag of 2 to 3 months in making payments.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) Due to acute financial crisis, there has been time lag of 2 to 3 months in payment of pension to retired workmen.

(f) The Kolkata Dock Labour Board, which is a statutory and autonomous body consisting of representatives of Government, employers of Dock Workers and Dock Workers, has taken several steps for reduction in wasteful expenditure and intensification of activities for increasing its income. The proposals of the Board seeking financial assistance for implementing a special Voluntary Retirement Scheme and for payment of outstanding dues of pensioners are under consideration of the Government.